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RACE .	 ,			 asked since 1790

HOW WE ASK IT [100-percent item]

6	What is this person's race? Mark (X) one or more races to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be. White Black, African Am., or Negro American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.
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	Asian Indian Chinese Guamanian or Chamorro Samoan Other Pacific Islander — Print race. Other Asian — Print race.
	Some other race — Print race.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR EVERYONE

Federal Uses (also see the selected statutory uses on the opposite page):

- Needed to assess racial disparities in health and environmental risks
- Used under the Voting Rights Act to identify minority language groups that require voting materials in their own language
- Used under the Civil Rights Act to assess fairness of employment practices

Community Impact:

- Necessary to the Community Reinvestment Act to help determine whether financial institutions meet the credit needs of minorities in low- and moderate-income areas
- Needed under the Public Health Service Act as a key factor in identifying segments of the population who may not be receiving needed medical services
- Required by states to meet legislative redistricting requirements by knowing the racial make-up of the voting age population

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The racial classifications used by the Census Bureau adhere to the October 1997 revised standards for the classification of Federal data on race and ethnicity, issued by the Office of Management and Budget. These standards govern the categories used to collect and publish Federal data on race and ethnicity. Each answer provided by a respondent represents self-classification according to the race or races with which the individual most closely identifies. This question includes both racial and national origin or socio-cultural groups and attempts to reflect the increasing racial and ethnic diversity of the U.S. population. The term "African Am." is included to reflect the increased prevalence of the term in the past decade. Other changes to the wording and arrangement of the categories were made to improve accuracy.

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AGENCIES SELECTED STATUTORY USES ■ COMMERCE Legislative Redistricting--P [13 U.S.C. 141(c)] ■ EDUCATION Provisions on Strengthening Historically Black Colleges--P [20 U.S.C. 1060], Grants for Basic Skills of Dropouts--P [20 U.S.C. 7261-7268 (replaces 20 U.S.C. 3241)] ■ EEOC Federal Affirmative Action Plans--<u>M</u> [5 U.S.C. 7201(a)(1)], Federal Affirmative Action Programs--R [42 U.S.C. 2000e-16(b)(1)], Equal Employment Opportunity Act--R [42 U.S.C. 2000e-2(a)(2)] ■ FEDERAL RESERVE Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975--<u>R</u> [12 U.S.C. 2809(a)], Community Reinvestment Act of 1977--P [12 U.S.C. 2901] ■ HHS Older Americans Act--P [42 U.S.C. 3002, 3026(a)(1), 3027(a)(8)], Public Health Service Act--R [42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(3)(A) & (B), 254e(b) & (d) & 254f-1], Native American Programs Act--R [42 U.S.C. 2992], Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980--R [42 U.S.C. 628] ■ HUD Mortgage Revenue Bonds Program--P [26 U.S.C. 143], Low-Income Housing Tax Credits--P [26 U.S.C. 42], Housing Improvement Program (Snyder Act)--P [25 U.S.C. 13] ■ JUSTICE Voting Rights Act-Bilingual Election Requirements--<u>M</u> [42 U.S.C. 1973aa-1a], Civil Rights Act-<u>R</u> [42 U.S.C. 1975c(a) & 2000c-2, d, f], Legislative Redistricting--P [13 U.S.C. 141(c)] ■ LABOR Employment Practices of Government Contractors--P [Executive Order 11246], Immigration Act of 1990--P [8 U.S.C. 1182 note & 1182(a)(5)(A)], Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986--P [8 U.S.C. 1364] ■ USDA Food Stamp Act--P [7 U.S.C. 612c] VA Veterans Benefits Program--<u>R</u> [38 U.S.C. 317]

HISPANIC ORIGIN		asked since 1970
	MANDATORY NEED	

HOW WE ASK IT [100-percent item]

5	Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? Mark X the "No" box if not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.
	No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
	 Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano Yes, Puerto Rican Yes, Cuban Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino — Print group.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR EVERYONE

Federal Uses (also see the selected statutory uses on the opposite page):

- Essential to ensure enforcement of bilingual election rules under the Voting Rights Act
- Used to meet guidelines mandated in the October 1997 revised standards for the classification of Federal data on race and ethnicity (issued by the Office of Management and Budget)
- Used to monitor and enforce equal employment opportunities under the Civil Rights Act

Community Impact:

- Used in identifying segments of the population who may not be getting needed medical services under the Public Health Service Act
- Used under the Community Reinvestment Act to evaluate whether financial institutions are meeting the credit needs of minority groups in low- and moderate-income communities
- Used to allot funds to school districts for bilingual services under the Bilingual Education Act
- Needed under the Voting Rights Act to monitor compliance of local jurisdictions by using counts of the voting-age population by national origin to ensure equality in voting

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

This question provides information that is needed for a more complete understanding of the composition of our population. It adheres to the October 1997 revised standards for the classification of Federal data on race and ethnicity, issued by the Office of Management and Budget, which provide standard classifications for collection and presentation of such data. Each answer provided by the respondent represents self-classification. The categories are arranged and worded to reduce respondent confusion and to lower the nonresponse rate. The category, "No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino" is listed first so that the question more clearly will show that it pertains to all respondents and to convey that respondents, Hispanics as well as non-Hispanics should provide an answer. The terms "Mexican Am." and "Chicano" are shown with "Mexican" so that more Mexican Americans will identify with this category and, thus, improve the accuracy of the data.

MANDATORY NEED

HISPANIC ORIGIN (continued)	asked since 1970

AGENCIES	SELECTED STATUTORY USES
■ COMMERCE	Legislative RedistrictingP [13 U.S.C. 141(c)], Estimates of Hispanic Origin PopulationM [13 U.S.C. 141 note (P.L. 94-311, H.J. Res. 92)]
	Bilingual Education Act <u>P</u> 0 U.S.C. 3291 (part a), 3301 (part b), 3321 (part c)]
■ EEOC	Federal Affirmative Action Plans <u>M</u> [5 U.S.C. 7201(a)(1)], Federal Affirmative Action Programs <u>P</u> [42 U.S.C. 2000e-16(b)(1)], Equal Employment Opportunity Act <u>R</u> [42 U.S.C. 2000e-2(a)(2)]
	[Executive Order 12866, Oct. 1, 1993]; Environmental JusticeP [Executive Order 12898, Feb. 11, 1994]; Resource Conservation and Recovery ActP [42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.]; mental Response, Compensation, and Liability ActP [42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.]
■ FEDERAL RESERVE	Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 <u>P</u> [12 U.S.C. 2901]
	Older Americans ActP [42 U.S.C. 3002, 3026(a)(1), 3027(a)(8)], Public Health Service ActR S.C. 254b(b)(3)(A) & (B), 254e(b) & (d), & 254f-1]
■ JUSTICE Vo	ting Rights Act-Bilingual Election RequirementsM [42 U.S.C. 1973aa-1a], Civil Rights Act-R [42 U.S.C. 1975c(a) & 2000c-2, d, f]